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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under the terms of Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, "Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government" undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information "relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the territories for which they are respectively responsible other than those territories to which Chapters XII and XIII apply". In addition, the General Assembly, in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 51/139 of 13 December 1996, requested the administering Powers concerned "to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned".

2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 e of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General in respect of the years from 1994 to 1997.

3. The information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter follows in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history, population and economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports on the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments on Tokelau is given by the representative of New Zealand during meetings of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Supplementary information is also made

available by New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States concerning Territories under their administration.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including in particular resolution 51/139, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation for the Special Committee of working papers on each Territory. The Special Committee has taken this information into account in formulating its decisions on these Territories, which are set forth in the relevant chapters of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/52/23 (Parts V-VII)). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (A/52/23 (Part IV), chap. VIII).

Annex

DATES OF TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND PERIOD COVERED[a]

	Information received in 1996		Information received in 1997	
	Date of transmission	Period covered	Date of transmission	Period covered
FRANCE				
New Caledonia[b]	-	-	-	-
NEW ZEALAND (1 July-30 June)[c]				
Tokelau	22 May 1996 29 May 1996	1995/96	28 May 1997	1996/97
PORTUGAL				
East Timor[d]	-	-	-	-
SPAIN				
Western Sahara[e]	-	-	-	-
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND				
Anguilla	10 September 1996	1994/96	13 March 1997	1995/96
Bermuda	17 July 1996 18 October 1996	1994/96	13 January 1997	1995/96
British Virgin Islands	11 June 1996	1994/95	13 January 1997 6 and 8 May 1997	1995/96
Cayman Islands	24 October 1996	1994/95	5 May 1997	1995/96
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	1 May 1996 21 November 1996	1994/96	24 March 1997	1995/96
Gibraltar	20 May 1996	1994/95	18 March 1997	1995/96
Montserrat	-	-	6 May 1997	1996
Pitcairn	11 June 1996	1994/95	14 March 1997	1995/96
Saint Helena	24 September 1996	1994/95		
Turks and Caicos Islands	-	-	7 March 1997	1995/96
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1 October-30 September)[f]				
American Samoa	18 June 1996	1994/95	1 April 1997	1995/96
Guam	18 June 1996	1994/95	1 April 1997	1995/96
United States Virgin Islands	18 June 1996	1994/95	1 April 1997	1995/96

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[a] For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960) applies, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/5446/Rev.1), annex I.

[b] According to its resolution 41/41 A of 2 December 1986, the General Assembly "considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter".

[c] Period extends from 1 July of the year listed to 30 June of the following year.

[d] In a note verbale dated 6 April 1979 (A/34/311), the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the conditions still prevailing in East Timor prevented his Government from assuming its responsibilities for the administration of that Territory. He subsequently informed the Secretary-General (A/35/233, A/36/160, A/37/113, A/38/125, A/39/136, A/40/159, A/41/190, A/42/171, A/43/219 and A/44/262) that the Portuguese Government had nothing to add to the information already provided in that note. The Secretary-General was further informed by the Permanent Representative (A/45/172, A/46/131, A/47/189, A/48/130, A/49/184, A/50/214 and Corr.1, A/51/187 and A/52/152) that since the Portuguese Government continued to be prevented "de facto" from exercising its responsibilities for the administration of East Timor due to the latter's illegal occupation by a third country, it remained unable to provide any information concerning the Territory.

[e] On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976.

[f] Period extends from 1 October of the previous year to 30 September of the year listed.